

WSNY Bayreuth Ticket Policies—2012 Season

The following procedures have been established to ensure as equitable a distribution as possible of the limited ticket allotment the Society receives from the Bayreuther Festspiele Kartenbüro (box office).

1. Current Society membership is a prerequisite for requesting tickets. Members of more than one year's standing will be given priority. "Non-resident" or "Student" or "Senior" members must upgrade their membership to at least "Regular" or a higher category to qualify for the offer.
2. There will be no Ring cycles in 2012. The five non-Ring operas to be performed in 2012 will be *Der fliegende Holländer* (new production), *Parsifal*, *Lohengrin*, *Tannhäuser*, and *Tristan und Isolde*. Tickets to individual operas are not available. **One** set per member only. Dual memberships may request **two**. Requests are not held over from one year to the next. A new production of the Ring will be presented in 2013.
3. All requests for tickets must be specific and in writing, and must indicate the general price range desired (high, medium, or low). Requests are accepted from September 1 on. In addition to length of membership, they are considered in the sequence received, for the Festival season of the following summer. Send written requests, with full contact information—address, phone(s), and email—to the Society post office box address. Email requests are accepted (include full contact information): wagnerring@aol.com
4. Requests from members who received tickets previously will be considered after other requests have been filled, to maximize the distribution of tickets among the membership.
5. When the Society receives confirmation of its allotment from Bayreuth, it calls those applicants who will be offered tickets to inform them of the ticket prices and dates of performance. When applicants are notified that tickets are available, they must make full payment to the Society *within two weeks*.
6. All Society invoices for tickets include a 15% surcharge to cover handling expenses and to further our relationship with Bayreuth and with the *Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth*. Invoices also include the price of tickets to our annual English-language lecture series, given by a noted scholar on each day of performance during the time of our ticket allotment.
7. If a ticket holder is obliged to cancel plans to attend, he or she **must** notify the Society and return the tickets immediately; prompt refund (minus the 15% contribution) will be made. This is required because the Society must offer canceled tickets to other members on its waiting list.
8. Information on hotel accommodations or rooms in private homes can be provided by the Society, if desired and indicated.

There are no guarantees of tickets or ticket preferences! The demand is far greater than the supply. Check your issues of *Wagner Notes* for any updated information. You may also request tickets directly from the Kartenbüro (Postfach 10 02 62, D-95402 Bayreuth, Germany); your order must reach them before October 16 preceding the season you hope to attend. Note that there is a *long* waiting period and that you must apply each year in order to keep your request active in their computer.

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